

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 8, 2017

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 21, 2017, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher
Abstain: None

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on February 21, 2017, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher
Abstain: None

BILL LIST:

Mr. Misertino asked about the money that was charged to buildings and grounds for the items for the salt shed repairs.

Mr. Misertino stated that he does not agree with the bill for the No trespassing sign at the Mount Bethel Church.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the bill list and addendum, which was seconded by Mayor Watters.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nays: Mr. Misertino
Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher
Abstain: None

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak requested approval to execute the violation paperwork from the Warren County Board of Health for the material removal at the Mount Bethel Church.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve Mr. DiSessa and Ms. Hrebenak coordinating the material removal and disposal work with Mt. Bethel Church project manager and Open Space members, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Fascenelli nothing to report.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to hold a Special meeting on 3/14 at 7pm to discuss the budget, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

EMPLOYEES REPORTS:

Mrs. Fascenelli had nothing to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa met with Mr. Finelli to review files. Regarding the Watters Rd project, which was stopped when the Department of Transportation Fund was put on hold, will need to complete plans, update specs and make DOT submission. DOT is willing to consider extension due to circumstances that were caused by the hold on the trust fund by mid April.

Mr. DiSessa met with DOT at the end of February regarding the work from Claremont Rd to Port Murray Rd., consisting of guide rail replacement, drainage then milling and paving in the evenings with a projected completion by September.

Mr. Watters asked about the DPW Generator.

Mr. DiSessa indicated plans are almost complete and should be ready to go out to bid by the end of the month. Mr. DiSessa recommended an agreement with Tri-County Fire Company for providing auxiliary power with proposed generator.

Mr. Watters asked about the Heiser and Mt. Bethel Rd projects.

Mr. DiSessa indicated that DOT is behind so those grants will not be announced until June but have heard that more money will be available.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Carol McKevitt, Blau Road and Senior Coordinator, extended her thanks for supporting the Senior group and presented the Township Committee with an annual report.

Carol Thompson, Port Murray, questioned the renewal of Route 57 Auto Salvage license.

Nick Toscano stated that they have been in court and it has been the prosecutor postponing and that they are doing everything that they can to settle.

Mr. DiSessa explained that all operations need to be done behind the fence.

Mr. Dennis McKevitt, Blau Road, asked about the status of the ten ton weight sign on Watters Road.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he needs to speak to the DPW to have a sign made.

Mr. Scott Cruts, Butler Park, invited the Township Committee to the county-wide EDAC meeting on March 13.

Mr. Cruts asked why if Mount Bethel and Tri County have township trucks they are required to spend their own money, but Mansfield is getting their repairs done on the Township truck.

Mayor Watters stated that he agrees that Mansfield should not have paid for this but that was not how the votes went.

Mrs. Adasavage, Snyder Road, asked about the Notice of Violation at the Mount Bethel Church. Mrs. Adasavage asked what day that the notice was received.

Mrs. Mora Dillon stated that the notice was received last Tuesday.

Mrs. Adasavage asked if it is correct that according to the NOV if the material is not removed within 30 days we could pay penalties.

Ms. Hrebenak suggested that because of the time of year we would have some leeway on the 30 days.

Mrs. Adasavage asked if the people that were responsible for this issue at the Church would be allowed to still work on the job site.

Mr. Misertino stated that he feels that the Township Committee should have the Open Space Committee come to the next Committee meeting to explain what happened at the Church.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION # 2017-45

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE HOURLY WAGE FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,
State of New Jersey as follows:

The hourly wage for the following employees is as follows:

Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	Joe Farino	\$ 20.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	Marvin Kocher	\$ 20.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	Peter Appleby	\$ 20.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	Scott Cruts	\$ 20.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	Francis Pawloski, Jr	\$ 20.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	August Bartell III	\$ 20.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	Brandon Widenor	\$ 20.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	Barry Harm	\$ 20.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Laborer/Snow Plow Driver	Jose Paredes	\$ 20.00 Per Hour

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-45, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters, Mr. Misertino

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION 2017-46

APPOINTMENTS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR 2017:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons be and each is hereby appointed for the year of 2017 following respective municipal offices and/or positions of the Township of Mansfield:

James Newman	Court Security Substitute	\$115 per session
Dennis Kelly	Court Security Substitute	\$115 per session

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-46, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters, Mr. Misertino

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION # 2017 –47
TRANSFER OF MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUST FUNDS**

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield deemed it in the best interest of the Township to amend the Cash Management Plan to include as a authorized bank for deposit Unity Bank,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to transfer the following Mansfield Township trust account from Fulton Bank of New Jersey to Unity Bank.

Recreation Trust

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-47, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters, Mr. Misertino

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION # 2017-48
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, the following property has an overpayment of \$ 2,176.86 for the 2017 1st quarter property tax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield this 8th day March 2017 that the Tax Collector and Township Finance Office are hereby authorized to refund the following overpayment:

Corelogic
Attn: Refunds Dept
Mail Code:DFW 1-3
1 Corelogic Drive
Westlake, TX 76262

Block 1805 Lot 7
125 Allen Road
Van Luvender Daniel Refi payment and old mortgage company

Refund: \$ 2,176.86

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-48, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters, Mr. Misertino

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION 2017-49 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and
WHEREAS, poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and
WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, approximately half of all reported poison exposures involve children under six (6) years of age; and
WHEREAS, the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and
WHEREAS, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest all people and even pets are at risk.
WHEREAS, poison experts urge parents and caregivers to keep "single-load liquid laundry packets" out of sight and reach of young children. These products can cause serious harm if ingested; and
WHEREAS, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas and flavors – increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will be drawn to them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Preventative Medicine and Community Health/NJ Medical School at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey provides free, expert medical advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline; and

WHEREAS, all services are free, confidential multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

WHEREAS, poison centers save time and money by managing most cases at home, not requiring a visit to an emergency room; and

WHEREAS, NJ Poison Experts encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES is involved with the state's efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response and bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine and animal and insect bites and stings; and

WHEREAS, the poison center is instrumental in managing exposures during major storms like Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the use of poison center services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit.

HOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I Joe Watters, Mayor of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim the week of March 19-25, 2017 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families and their community.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-49, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters, Mr. Misertino

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mr. Wenner during Executive Session will be considering matters related to personnel and Resolution 2017-50

Mr. Misertino made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:29pm, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters, Mr. Misertino

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to return from Executive Session at 9:15pm, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Mr. Wenner stated that during Executive Session the following matters were discussed; contract negotiation relating to Zoning Officer, contract negotiations regarding healthcare provider and personnel discussion regarding hiring part-time DPW worker, contractual matter dealing with HVAC contract, copies of these minutes will be available as soon as the Committee feels they are no longer a harm to the public interest.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the lawn mowing bid package, which was seconded by Mrs.

Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters, Mr. Misertino

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mr. Misertino stated that there is a copy of an EDAC survey that will be being placed on the Township website.

Mrs. Mora Dillon shared that many of the survey questions do not have to do with EDAC so she does not agree with it and we do not have access to the survey tool.

Mr. Misertino asked if the Township Committee would want to consider having a second public portion for people to ask questions after Executive Session.

Mrs. Mora Dillon asked Mr. Misertino about the \$300,000 grant that was going to expire if not used.

Mr. Misertino shared that there is an Open Space grant that he believes doesn't expire until 2020.

Mrs. Mora Dillon asked about the park purchase.

Mr. Misertino stated that the purchase of the park was about 1.6 million.

Mr. Wenner added that they also discussed the lawn mowing bid during Executive Session.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm, which was carried by all.